

**Market Research  
for  
Defense Manpower Data Center (DMDC)  
Enterprise Information Technology Services (EITS) II**

**Requirement:**

This acquisition was conducted by GSA's Federal Acquisition Service (FAS), Mid-Atlantic Region on behalf of the Defense Manpower Data Center (DMDC) to procure IT services to support a common framework for the delivery of DMDC applications by creating a five year Indefinite Delivery Indefinite Quantity (IDIQ). These IT services include Enterprise services for DMDC systems and applications as well as Support services for DMDC internal systems and applications that are currently being supported under the Enterprise Information Technology Services (EITS) I IDIQ.

**History:**

The previous IDIQ contract entitled, "Enterprise Information Technology Services (EITS)" was awarded under H98210-13-D-0003 by the Defense Human Resources Activity (DHRA) Procurement Support Office (PSO). Market research was originally conducted in accordance with policies set for in FAR Part 10.001 by reviewing the following contract vehicles: General Services Administration (GSA)'s IT Schedule 70, GSA's Government Wide Acquisition Contract (GWAC) Alliant, and the Defense Information Systems (DISA) DITCO ENCORE II Information Technology Services.

During Market Research it was determined that awarding this requirement through the AbilityOne program was the appropriate acquisition strategy. As a result, a Sources Sought Notice was issued to AbilityOne Program's Bulletin on October 8, 2012. Global Connections to Employment (GCE) who was currently doing business as Lakeview Center / Gulf Coast Enterprises was selected for award of a five year IDIQ. On March 25, 2013, The AbilityOne Commission sent a letter to DHRA identifying that the EITS requirement has been approved under the Procurement List and that FAR Part 6.302-5, "Authorized or Required by Statute" shall be used as the authority to award a contract to Lakeview Center, Inc.

**Current Requirement:** As part of market research for EITS II, GSA examined required sources of supply in accordance with FAR Part 8.002. Per this research, DMDC Enterprise IT Services is on the AbilityOne procurement list as required source of supply through the Centralized Nonprofit Agency (CNA) Source America and in turn the designated NPA, Global Connections to Employment (GCE). Since this requirement has successfully been awarded and completed under a contract within the AbilityOne Program, no other market research is required as the Government is required to award the contract to the incumbent AbilityOne contractor.

Per 41 U.S. Code § 8504, Procurement requirements for the Federal Government (a) IN GENERAL.—An entity of the Federal Government intending to procure a product or service on the procurement list referred to in section 8503 of this title shall procure the product or service from a qualified nonprofit agency for the blind or a qualified nonprofit agency for other severely disabled in accordance with regulations of the Committee and at the price the Committee establishes if the product or service is available within the period required by the entity. As such, the Government is required to utilize Source America

**Competition:** As per FAR 6.302-5(b)(2) (Authorized or Required by Statute), the Government shall use qualified nonprofit agencies for the blind or severely disabled. Additionally, in accordance with 41 CFR

51-5.2(a), “nonprofit agencies designated by the Committee are mandatory sources of supply for all entities of the Government for commodities and services included on the Procurement List.” The current contractor has been approved within the AbilityOne Program.

**EIT accessibility standards of Section 508:** Section 508 applies. This acquisition is for Electronic and Information Technology (EIT). Therefore, Section 508 accessibility standards (<http://www.section508.gov/>) were incorporated when describing the requiring activity’s needs in the PWS.

**Commercial Item:** The requirement is a commercial item as defined in FAR Part 2.101. A Commercial Item Determination can be found in the contract file.

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